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RAPIST SOUGHT**July 2, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:35)**

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Greg Phillips reported live from Corona with the latest on a brazen sexual predator that has struck again—this time targeting a 75-year-old woman. Police believe the same man is responsible for a string of attacks dating back more than a decade.

UNSOLVED MURDER REWARD**JULY 3, 8-9PM NEWSCAST (TRT 0:45)**

KCAL9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported that a man was gunned down and left for dead in Panorama City. Now the L.A. City Council has announced a 50-thousand dollar reward to help catch his killer.

WOMAN FOUND DEAD**July 8, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:23)**

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported live from Glen Avon with details of a 54-year-old mother of four, found dead today in a quiet Riverside County neighborhood. Now Sheriff's deputies are looking for her killer.

WOMAN KILLED**July 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:20)**

KCAL9 reporter Stacey Butler reported that a 60-thousand dollar reward is being offered, in hopes of catching a killer. The victim was a Glendale Community College student shot while driving home from a nightclub last week.

CHURCH ABUSE**July 14, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:57)**

KCAL9 reporter Eileen Gonzales reported live from downtown L.A. with details on what may be the biggest payout in the history of the Catholic Church. Hundreds of people who say they were sexually abused by priests in the L.A. Archdiocese could be getting hundreds of millions of dollars.

GLENDALE HIT AND RUN**July 14, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:51)**

KCAL9 reporter Suraya Fadel reported live from Glendale with the latest developments on a deadly hit-and-run accident in Glendale. Police have found the car, but the driver is still on the run.

RAPE STUDENT PRESS CONFERENCE**July 16, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 2:10)**

KCAL9 reporter Suraya Fadel reported that a Toluca Lake woman who says she was raped is fighting back, after a judge in Nebraska banned her from using the word "rape" on the witness stand.

710 SHOOTING REWARD**July 17, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:50)**

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reported that L.A. County Supervisors are offering a 25-thousand dollar reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a freeway killer.

CRIME EXPLOSION**July 18, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:10)**

KCAL9 reporter Suraya Fadel reported that it has been a summer of crime in the valley—one officer calls it an 'explosion of violent crime.' Victims in Studio City recently have been seen mugged and shot, and now the violence is spreading.

CHILD ANNOYANCE**July 23, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:20)**

KCAL9 reporter Dave Mecham reported that police are asking parents in one Orange County neighborhood to be on alert. They say a predator recently tried to lure a boy with some candy. Now they have a composite sketch of the subject.

RAPE SUSPECT ARRESTED**July 26, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:20)**

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Greg Mills reported live from San Bernardino, with more on this major break—less than a week after a brutal rape of a teenager, police in San Bernardino say the sexual predator is off the street.

GPS SUSPECT TRACKED**July 31, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:38)**

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Greg Mills reported that a parolee learned that he couldn't run and definitely couldn't hide—but he learned that lesson the hard way. San Bernardino Police say the man led them right to him.

CASINO ROBBERY**August 2, 10-11pm newscast (TRT (1:48)**

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Greg Phillips reported live from Hemet with the latest on the search for an employee who pulled off a huge

heist at a Riverside County Casino. He bound and gagged workers, even maced one, while he cleaned out the vault.

TAPIA PARK SHOOTING

August 4, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported live from Malibu on the gunfire that occurred at a park there, in the hills of Tapia Park that afternoon. A park ranger shot and killed a man.

HOME INVASION

August 6, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 reporter Sharon Tay reported that tonight, real cops are trying to catch some phony cops who tied up and terrorized a Sun Valley family in a home invasion robbery.

THAI TEMPLE ARREST

August 8, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:51)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported live from North Hollywood, where a janitor was arrested, accused of molesting more than half a dozen children. The man worked at a Thai temple in North Hollywood.

HIT AND RUN

August 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:44)

KCAL9 reporter Kaj Goldberg reported live from Reseda with an update on the search for a particularly vicious hit and run driver tonight. Police say he ran down a pedestrian on purpose, sending him to the hospital in grave condition.

RED LIGHT CAMERAS

August 15, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:35)

KCAL9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported that today the city showed off a new red light camera at the corner of Sunset Blvd. And Cahuenga, said to be one of the city's deadliest intersections. Cameras are now taking high-resolution digital video of license plates, 24/7.

WIFE STRANGLER

August 16, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:10)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reported live with details on the murder investigation—a man walked into the West L.A. police station and said his wife was dead, but now police say he strangled and killed her.

710 FREEWAY BODIES

August 19, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:30)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported the top story at 8. A father and his young son, shot dead on the 710 freeway. The bodies were discovered on the shoulder, just south of the 91 early this morning.

RACZ VERDICT

August 22, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 1:57)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported live from San Fernando with details on today's verdict. Guilty—that's the verdict for a former Sheriff's deputy, convicted of killing his estranged wife more than 15 years ago.

TAGGING DEATH

August 24, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:19)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Greg Phillips reported live with late details on a deadly shooting in Hesperia—a 65-year-old woman was killed in a confrontation with taggers.

ELDERLY HIT AND RUN

August 27, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:44)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported live from Placentia with an update as the search continues for a killer in Orange County. This one, behind the wheel—a hit and run driver who ran down an elderly woman, then took off.

MOLESTER SEARCH

August 30, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reported live from Lancaster, with details on the suspect arrested in the case of a man who fondled girls at a local elementary school.

MURDER INVESTIGATION

August 31, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:45)

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Chambers reported that police have identified two prime suspects in the brutal murder of a man at a park in the San Fernando Valley. The victim's family asks for help in finding the killers of 33-year-old Daniel Koch, who was stabbed to death at a Porter Ranch park last weekend.

MAILBOX PIPE BOMB

September 1, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:27)

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that investigators want to know who place a pipe bomb that exploded inside a mailbox in San Diego County. The bomb went off this morning in the rural community of Bonsall.

BUENA PARK HOMICIDE**September 4, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:52)**

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Suzie Suh reported that a man went out to buy milk, and got murdered. Tonight Buena Park Police hope security video will lead them to the shooters.

RESTAURANT ROBBERY**September 6, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 1:40)**

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported live from Mid Wilshire, with newly released surveillance video. L.A. Police are on the hunt for a robber who brutally attacked a restaurant employee. The assault was caught on tape.

DOMESTIC DISPUTE**September 9, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:43)**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that Hawthorne Police shot and killed a woman early this morning, after she slashed her daughter and officers with a box cutter. The dead woman's mother was at the home at the time, and says the shooting was unjustified.

PURSE WHACKER**September 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:20)**

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Suzie Suh reported live from Laguna Beach, where police say a woman beat up her boyfriend with her purse and her fists. Now authorities are saying they could kick her out of the country.

CHILD SHOT**September 13, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 1:30)**

KCAL9 Ventura County reporter Amy Johnson reported live from Oxnard with details on a child shot in a possible case of road rage. Oxnard Police are on the hunt for the gunman who shot a young girl, as she was sitting in the back of a car.

O.J. BEHIND BARS**September 17, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:57)**

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reported live from Las Vegas with the latest on the developing O.J. Simpson news that night. He remains in jail, in isolation, accused of armed robbery and assault with a deadly weapon. Police arrested a third alleged accomplice today and expect more arrests.

ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING

September 19, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:40)

KCAL9 reporter Mary Beth McDade reported live from Long Beach, with the latest on the search for a suspect. A warning to students at Cal State Long Beach to be on alert—a student was assaulted and nearly kidnapped trying to get something out of her car.

WOMAN DEATH**September 23, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:55)**

KCAL9 reporter Suraya Fadel reported live from South Los Angeles with breaking news—the latest on the search for a suspect. Police are on the hunt for a killer who took a woman's life, right in front of her children.

CATHEDRAL ETCHING**September 25, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:35)**

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Suzie Suh reported live from Garden Grove with the story of a vandal that took aim at the Crystal Cathedral, causing tens of thousands of dollars in damage to the landmark church.

SENIORS SWINDLED**September 27, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:20)**

KCAL9 reporter Kaj Goldberg reported live from Seal Beach with the story of trusting seniors that are being targeted in Orange County. It's costing them much of their life-savings.

REDLANDS RAPE / ROBBERY**September 29, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:45)**

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported live from Redlands with the story of a violent home invasion that has the local community on edge tonight. A couple was surprised in their home by the masked gunman, who tied up the man and raped the young woman.

BUSH / LIBBY SENTENCE**July 2, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:49)**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reported that President Bush used the power of his office to give I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby a get-out-of-jail-free card. He commuted his 2 ½ year prison sentence for a perjury conviction in the CIA leak case.

SENATORS ON THE SPOT**July 6, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:26)**

KCAL9 reporter Bill Schneider reported that a New Mexico Republican Senator wants to pave the way for U.S. troops to come home. He's the latest among a number of prominent Republican lawmakers to challenge the President on Iraq war policy.

IRAQ WAR DEBATE**July 9, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 3:10)**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reported that a new unreleased report on progress in Iraq is already shaking up the debate about what to do next. Apparently the report doesn't pull any punches about the dismal performance of Prime Minister Nouri Al-Maliki's government.

AL QAEDA THREAT**July 12, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:29)**

KCAL9 reporter Drew Levinson reported a chilling assessment about Al-Qaeda. A new report by counter-terrorism experts says the terrorist organization has rebuilt itself and is stronger now than before the September 11th attacks.

BIN LADEN TAPE**July 14, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:10)**

KCAL9 reporter Sharon Tay reported that another Al Qaeda videotape surfaced—the second in a week. Today, Osama Bin Laden appeared on a militant website, praising those who die in the name of jihad.

IMPEACHMENT BUSH**July 16, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:32)**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reported live from West Hollywood, where the city went on the record that night with a

message for the White House. City lawmakers passed a resolution to impeach President Bush.

HOMELAND SECURITY CUTS

July 18, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported live from City Hall in downtown L.A. with the big story at 4:30. The funding cuts would run into the tens of millions of dollars—now city leaders are demanding the feds change the formula, so L.A. will get more terror-fighting dollars.

PRISON OVERCROWDING

July 24, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:40)

KCAL9 Anchor Ann Martin reported that two federal judges have found that efforts by Governor Schwarzenegger and the legislature to ease prison overcrowding, have fallen short—and could even make conditions worse.

OBAMA / HILLARY

July 18, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:50)

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reported the latest from the Presidential campaign trail. Tonight, the biggest star in daytime television is giving Barack Obama a helping hand, and frontrunner Senator Hillary Clinton comes under fire from the wife of one of her Democratic opponents.

U.S. / IRAN TALKS

July 22, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Dan Raviv reported that there's word tonight the U.A. plans to hold high-level talks with Iran in Baghdad this week, to discuss security in the war-torn country.

GOVERNOR BIRTHDAY

July 30, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 0:42)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reported that Governor Schwarzenegger is blowing out 60 birthday candles today. His wish: that the U.S. improves its reputation around the world.

BUSH MEETS GORDON

July 30, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:48)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reported that tonight President Bush and new British Prime Minister Gordon Brown have forged a united stand on Iraq. After two days of talks at Camp David, Bush and Brown sounded like they were totally in sync on the war, terrorism, and how to proceed.

VOTING MACHINES**August 4, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:44)**

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Clark reported that there were questions tonight about how we will cast our ballots for the next Presidential election. That's because California's Secretary of State has decertified all the electronic voting systems that are used in Southern California, after extensive testing turned up numerous security problems.

BUSH / KARZAI**August 5, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:40)**

KCAL9 reporter Joie Chen reported that President Bush welcomed Afghan President Hamid Karzai to Camp David today for a two-day visit. The two will be discussing the deteriorating conditions in Afghanistan.

DEMOCRATS / DEBATE**August 7, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:00)**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reported that the underdogs came out swinging tonight at a Democratic Presidential debate in Chicago. But Senators Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama gave as good as they got, attacking each other and defending themselves on a wide range of issues.

MAYOR / WATER HOGS?**August 10, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:50)**

KCAL9 reporter Sharon Tay reported live from outside the L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's official residence in Hancock Park, with the story of how the Mayor has challenged all of us to cut our water consumption because of drought conditions. But now there's word about his water use.

KARL ROVE RESIGNS**August 13, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:35)**

KCAL9 reporter Pauline Chiou reported on a big change at the White House. Karl Rove, President Bush's close friend and Chief Political Strategist, is leaving at the end of the month.

ISRAEL DEFENSE AID**August 16, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:45)**

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that the United States will provide Israel with 30-billion dollars over the next decade for security. That's a 25% increase from previous years. A Hamas spokesman calls it America's way of showing its support for Israeli occupation.

IRAQ LATEST**August 20, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:59)**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reported on the top story at 9—this week the 2008 Presidential debate over the war in Iraq moves to Missouri, where the veterans of foreign wars is holding its annual convention and the Iraq war is at the top of the agenda.

STATE BUDGET**August 21, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:31)**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reported that today, nearly two months after the legal deadline, state lawmakers finally passed a state budget.

GOVERNORS MEETING**August 23, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:52)**

KCAL9 Anchor Glen Walker reported that three California governors are throwing their support behind a new re-districting plan. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, former Governors Gray Davis and Pete Wilson were at a meeting discussing the plan this morning. It would call for changing the way district boundaries are drawn.

GONZALES RESIGNS**August 27, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:40)**

KCAL9 reporter Tara Mergener reported that another key figure in President Bush's administration steps down. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales has resigned under a cloud of controversies.

IRAQ REPORT**August 30, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:41)**

KCAL9 reporter Susan Roberts reported that there was a progress report today on the war in Iraq. The preliminary report says Iraqi benchmarks are not being met, and the President's troop surge is not reaching its goals.

POLITICAL CALENDAR**August 31, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:42)**

KCAL9 reporter Tom Foreman reported that in the race for the White House, many states are jockeying for position in the primaries and caucuses. Now two more states are threatening to push the schedule of contests into even more chaos.

CANDIDATES PLEDGE**September 1, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:55)**

KCAL9 reporter Tom Foreman reported that three top Democratic Presidential contenders say they will not campaign in states that go through with plans to move their primaries before February 5th.

BUSH IN IRAQ

September 3, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:40)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported live with the story of how President Bush made a surprise stop in Iraq today on his way to an economic summit. He met with his military commanders and top Iraqi officials.

IRAQ REPORT

September 6, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:17)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reported that a new study urges a significant pullback of U.S. troops in Iraq, but concludes Iraqi security forces aren't even close to taking over.

DEMOCRAT DEBATE

September 9, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:48)

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that for the first time ever, a Spanish-language network hosted a Democratic Presidential debate. The debate was broadcast on Univision, from Coral Gables, Florida.

BUSH IRAQ SPEECH

September 13, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:42)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Miller reported that with the war in Iraq approaching its fifth year, President Bush faced the nation tonight to outline the next steps in his Iraq policy.

GIULIANI SLAMS HILLARY

September 14, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:05)

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that Republican Presidential candidate Rudy Giuliani took aim at Senator Clinton today, urging her to apologize for remarks she made about the top U.S. military leader in Iraq, General David Petraeus.

IRAQ TONIGHT

September 15, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:41)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Miller reported that President Bush was signaling more changes in Iraq. In his radio address today, Bush said more troops will be shifted into different roles in December.

WEBB AMENDMENT

September 19, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:29)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reported that the Webb Amendment was probably the Democrats' last, best hope to scale back the war effort this year. But unfortunately their efforts were doomed and it is a huge blow to the Democrats' anti-war effort.

AHMADINEJAD COLUMBIA SPEECH

September 24, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:57)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reported that President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad delivered a speech at Columbia University in New York. He was blasted by his host, laughed at by the audience, and booed by demonstrators in the streets.

BUSH U.N. SPEECH

September 25, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:57)

KCAL9 reporter Drew Levinson reported that President Bush addressed the U.N. General Assembly today with Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in the audience.

IRAQ WAR BILLIONS

September 26, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:44)

KCAL9 reporter Susan Roberts reported that the violence in Iraq comes on a day when the U.S. Defense Secretary is on Capitol Hill. Robert Gates is asking for more money for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan—50-billion more.

IRAN SUNDAY

September 30, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:30)

KCAL9 reporter Dan Raviv reported that less than a week after the President of Iran came here to America, there are new reports of a "change" in the U.S. strategy in dealing with Iran. It possibly could involve military action.

HEALTHY 4TH OF JULY

July 3, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:40)

KCAL9's Doctor James reported that the popular fourth of July treat—burgers—don't have to be fat traps. He shows us how to build a healthy burger.

ARTHRITIS

July 5, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:55)

KCAL9's Doctor James reported new research about arthritis, and whether exercise will make the painful condition better or worse.

ALZHEIMER'S PATCH

July 9, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:37)

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Chambers reported that the FDA approved a new, easier and more effective way to deliver medicine to Alzheimer's patients, in the form of the "Exelon" patch.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

July 10, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:10)

KCAL9's Doctor James reported that living a healthy lifestyle can be as easy as following a few simple rules. He shows us the best and worst health choices you can make.

GOOD FRIENDS

July 12, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:18)

KCAL9's Doctor James reported that having good friends in your life could have a powerful impact on your health. He shows us the "friendly" research.

INSOMNIA / MENTAL HEALTH

July 16, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:44)

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Chambers reported that a new study suggests chronic insomnia can lead to mental health problems such as depression and anxiety disorder. Scientists found the link in a study of more than 25-thousand adults.

SUMMER FOODS

July 19, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:10)

KCAL9's Doctor James reported that it is summer, and if you think it's too late to look great in your bathing suit, think again—he shows us summer foods that can slim you down quickly.

NEW BREAST CANCER DRUG

July 24, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:47)

KCAL9's Doctor Sean Kenniff reported that the FDA is considering whether to approve a new drug to fight breast cancer. Right now there is only one drug available for the prevention of the disease among high-risk women.

MOSQUITO MAGNETS

July 27, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:39)

KCAL9's Doctor Sean Kenniff reported that if you consider yourself a magnet for mosquitoes, you might be right. Some people were "born" to be bitten.

ALLERGY-FREE PEANUTS

July 29, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:41)

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Clark reported that allergy-free peanuts may be closer to becoming a reality. A researcher in North Carolina says he developed a process to remove allergens that cause severe reactions in people allergic to peanuts.

INSULIN CAPSULES

July 30, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:27)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reported some encouraging news for sufferers of Type One Diabetes—tiny capsules made from seaweed and iron could spell relief.

HEART DISEASE

July 31, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:18)

KCAL9's Doctor James reported that you can cut your risk of heart disease dramatically by following a few simple steps. He explains what to do.

ULTIMATE BRAIN FOOD

August 2, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:27)

KCAL9's Doctor James reported that what you eat could help keep you mentally sharp as you age. He reveals the ultimate brain food.

MUSIC THERAPY

August 3, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:40)

KCAL9's Doctor Mallika Marshall reported that each year, nearly 750-thousand Americans suffer strokes. Recovery is difficult, but now music therapy is being used to help stroke victims get their lives back.

LIVING WELL / SNACKS

August 9, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:27)

KCAL9's Doctor James reported that everyone likes to grab a quick snack, however which snack you grab can determine how much you eat.

SKIN MOLES

August 11, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9's Doctor Sean Kenniff reported that many people have moles on their skin, but now a surprising new study is suggesting a link between moles and life expectancy.

WEST NILE

August 12, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:02)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported live from Panorama City with the latest on L.A. County Health officials taking major steps to combat the West Nile Virus. It's a virus that can kill, and it's turning up in parts of Southern California.

HEART / WEIGHT

August 13, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reported that a new study says there is a simple measurement of health risk—compare the waist to the hips. and if the measurements don't add up, there could be trouble weighing on your heart.

LOWERING BREAST CANCER RISK

August 16, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:17)

KCAL9's Doctor James reported that you can eat your way to better health. Studies reveal there are certain foods that can help women lower their risk of breast cancer.

WEST NILE UPDATE

August 17, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:51)

KCAL9 reporter Lonni Rivera reported that a man with West Nile Virus infection has now died in the San Fernando Valley—and L.A. County health officials have confirmed three other cases. They are urging everyone to take precautions.

OBESITY VIRUS**August 20, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:42)**

KCAL9's Doctor Sean Kenniff reported that the obesity epidemic has been blamed on many things—doctors say Americans don't eat well and don't get enough exercise. Now researchers say a virus might be making people fat.

WATERMELON BENEFITS**August 21, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:14)**

KCAL9's Doctor James reported that a summertime treat could help prevent heart disease and cancer. He shows us the health benefits of watermelon.

CANCEROUS MOLE**August 31, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:40)**

KCAL9's Doctor Sean Kenniff reported that more and more Americans are showing up at their doctor's office seeking beauty treatments. Now according to a recent study, that demand might be keeping doctors from helping people with serious medical concerns.

GESTATIONAL DIABETES**September 1, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:45)**

KCAL9's Doctor Sean Kenniff reported that there's evidence that children's risk of becoming obese may start before they take their first bite of food—in other words, while they're still in the womb. He explains the risks of Gestational Diabetes.

ARTHRITIS GENE**September 5, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:47)**

KCAL9's Doctor Sean Kenniff reported that scientists have identified a critical and common gene that increases a person's risk for rheumatoid arthritis. Doctors believe the discovery will lead to new ways to diagnose and treat the disease.

FOODS FOR MEN**September 6, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:29)**

KCAL9's Doctor James reported on the healthiest foods for men. He highlights the top five things men should eat.

IMPLANTING CHIPS**September 10, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:40)**

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reported that parents considering 'microchip implants' to locate children or give doctors instant access to your medical history, may want to consider this: several studies on animals

discovered high incidents of 'tumors' close to the sites of certain chip implants.

TOXIC TOYS

September 10, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:37)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Mecham reported that a chemical banned in other parts of the world is still being sold in some plastic toys here in California. There's now a big push for Governor Schwarzenegger to outlaw that chemical

REHABILITATION AID

September 12, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:25)

KCAL9 Anchor Harold Greene reported that doctors are taking a closer look at the Chinese art of Chi-Gong. Some advocates believe that the practice of slow movement and steady breathing can put patients on the fast track to better health.

KNEE SURGERY

September 16, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:40)

KCAL9's Doctor Sean Kenniff reported that knee replacement surgery is booming business as baby boomers get older and joints give out. Now there's promising new information, if you don't like to go under the knife.

CELL PHONES / HEARING LOSS

September 19, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:42)

KCAL9's Doctor Mallika Marshall reported on an alarming new study about cell phones. While scientists say they can cause some minor hearing loss, not everyone agrees.

DOLPHIN THERAPY

September 21, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:39)

KCAL9's Doctor Sean Kenniff reported that some patients with spinal cord injuries are getting help from a unique group of therapists. These therapists don't speak English and have no arms or legs, but yet are getting rave reviews from patients.

ACUPUNCTURE / BACK PAIN

September 24, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:46)

KCAL9's Doctor Sean Kenniff reported that scientists say the ancient Chinese practice of acupuncture may actually be better for treating back pain than conventional medicine.

AUTISM AND VACCINES**September 26, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:46)**

KCAL9's Doctor Sean Kenniff reported that for years, many patients and experts have claimed there is a link between the mercury in vaccinations, and Autism. But now researchers are pointing to a new study to say there is no link.

HEALTHY CHOICES**September 27, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:08)**

KCAL9's Doctor James reported that if you need an afternoon energy booster, try eating something rich in Zinc. He shows us some healthy choices to get you re-energized.

SLEEP TECHNIQUES**September 28, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:49)**

KCAL9 Anchor Ann Martin reported that millions of Americans have a problem getting to sleep. But forget counting sheep or popping a pill—there's a new technique she shows us.

COMMUNITY & MINORITY ISSUES

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COUPLE MARRIED 70 YEARS

July 2, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Suzie Suh reported live from Tustin with the story of an Orange County couple who has been married for 70 years—and the secret to their happy marriage may be their happy feet.

MISSING COLLEGE STUDENT

July 5, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Suzie Suh reported the latest on the investigation and breaking news in the search for a missing college student from Orange County, who vanished with a man she met on the internet.

MISSING OC STUDENT

July 9, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:48)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported live from outside the home with the latest on an urgent turn in the search for a missing college student from Orange County. Donna Jou hasn't been seen in 16 days.

710 EXTENSION MEETING

July 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:38)

KCAL9 reporter Mary Beth McDade reported live from South Pasadena with details of how a plan to extend the 710 freeway through South Pasadena has been on hold for years because of adamant opposition from local residents.

WOMEN'S STROKE RISKS

July 14, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9's Doctor Mallika Marshall reported that though a stroke can hit anyone without warning, researchers have found one group that faces a much higher risk—women between the ages of 45 and 54. They are twice as likely to have a stroke.

COMMUNITY MURAL

July 21, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:45)

KCAL9 reporter Mary Beth McDade reported on an attempt to silence gangs with art—a wall by the Sylmar public pool was notorious for being a message board using by gangs and graffiti crews. Today, star

athletes, artists and city leaders unveiled a 140-foot mural painted by more than 50 kids and community members.

INDIA'S FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT

July 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:35)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reported that India has its first female President. Pratibha Patil was elected in a landslide vote. Patil's win is seen as a huge victory for hundreds of millions of Indian women who face widespread discrimination.

HOPE FOR THE HOMELESS

July 22, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:49)

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Clark reported that a shelter in Sylmar is giving hope to families who have no other place to go. The Hope Gardens Family Center is a transitional housing site for women and children—complete with newly-painted apartments with private bathrooms.

LADIES' NIGHT

JULY 27, 8-9PM NEWSCAST (TRT 0:30)

KCAL9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported that it could be last call for "ladies' night", as some men in the Sacramento area say it's not fair that women get discounts at local bars. So civil rights advocates are suing, and bar owners aren't happy.

IMAGEN AWARDS

July 28, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:35)

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Clark reported that the Imagen Awards were presented that night at Walt Disney Concert Hall. They were established in 1985 to recognize excellence in Latino entertainment.

PORTER RANCH

July 31, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:46)

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Chambers reported that the city of Porter Ranch is taking on Beverly Hills. The community in the hills above Northridge is developing quite a luxurious lifestyle of its own.

ADOPT A WALL

August 2, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:45)

KCAL9 Anchor Ann Martin reported that a new effort is underway to fight graffiti in the San Fernando Valley. Officials and community activists are coming together to identify the worst spots of vandalism. It's an "adopt-a-all" program, where the graffiti will be painted over and the plants put into place.

MEXICAN ELECTIONS**August 5, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:45)**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that they are counting the ballots in Baja—voters in that Mexican state are choosing a new governor.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT / MAYOR**August 7, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:41)**

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reported live from Sun Valley, where L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa made an appearance for the National Night Out celebration. The purpose of the celebrations is to encourage police and communities to work together to cut down on crime and improve the quality of life for neighborhood residents.

MLK FAILS INSPECTION**August 10, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:23)**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reported live from Willowbrook, with details on the Health Department dropping the hammer on one of L.A. County's most embattled hospitals. Today the emergency room has been shut down at Martin Luther King Junior Harbor Hospital.

KING HARBOR**August 11, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:20)**

KCAL9 reporter Eileen Gonzales reported that the doors of the emergency room at MLK Junior Hospital have been closed. She tells the story of the patients who have depended on the hospital for their very lives.

DEPORTATION BATTLE**August 15, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 0:55)**

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reported that an undocumented Mexican woman was holed up in a Chicago church for a year, seeking legal residence here in the U.S....and now she is taking her deportation battle to Capitol Hill.

NEWLYWED LUNG TRANSPLANT**August 17, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:20)**

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported an update on a transplant survivor, who finally is starting his honeymoon. The groom was in desperate need of a lung transplant, and collapsed just after his wedding.

ASSISTED LIVING DEADLINE**August 20, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:04)**

KCAL9 reporter Linda Alvarez reported that more than 170 seniors and disabled people have been forced out of their Pasadena home. Their assisted living facility was shut down to make way for a major redevelopment. But now some of these people don't know where to go.

HIGH HOLY DAYS SECURITY

August 22, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:45)

KCAL9 Anchor Glen Walker reported that Jewish High Holy days are coming up next month, so the religious community and law enforcement are ramping up security plans, just in case. The community has been threatened and targeted during holy days in previous years.

HATE CRIME

August 24, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:35)

KCAL9 Anchor Glen Walker reported that community leaders are denouncing a brazen hate crime in the Fairfax District. Two Rabbinical students were assaulted while walking on the street last night. The driver of a passing Lexus shot at them with a pellet gun, while the passenger shouted anti-Semitic insults.

RAIN WATER RATIONING

August 27, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:48)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported that the city of Palmdale is facing a serious water shortage, and rationing might be necessary. The Palmdale Water District does not have enough water stored to meet the needs of all its residents.

BOOM BOOM ROOM CLOSSES

September 3, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:48)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Suzie Suh reported live from Laguna, where a gay landmark closes its doors tonight forever. It's "doom" for the Boom Boom Room.

L.A. COUNTY FAIR OPENS

September 7, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:25)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Phillips reported live from Pomona that the L.A. County Fair is here—with deep fried peanut butter and banana sandwiches drizzled with honey, on a stick—need we say more.

SOUTH L.A. FAST FOOD

September 10, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9 reporter Linda Alvarez reported that we've become a fast-food nation and it's taking a toll on our health. It's a big concern in one local community, and now a city council member is proposing a moratorium on fast-food restaurants.

NEWPORT BEACH 9/11**September 11, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:32)**

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reported that on this anniversary of the September 11th attacks, hundreds of local firefighters are remembering their fallen comrades with a memorial motorcycle ride.

SURFER HONORED**September 11, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:55)**

KCAL9 reporter Dave Malkoff reported that although the beaches of Southern California are open to everybody, it wasn't always that way. Years ago, black surfers could only hit the waves on a single stretch of Santa Monica beach, so now the city wants to honor those surfers.

GLADYS KNIGHT AWARD**September 11, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:33)**

KCAL9 Anchor Harold Greene reported that The Society of Singers presented Knight with the 16th Annual Ella Award last night, to honor her for all her humanitarian work. She has also worked extensively with the Minority AIDS Project.

ROSH HASHANAH**September 12, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:31)**

KCAL9 Anchor Harold Greene reported that at sun-down tonight, Jews will begin celebrating one of their most important religious holidays, Rosh Hashanah, commonly known as the Jewish New Year.

LATINO HERITAGE MONTH**September 14, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:48)**

KCAL9 Anchor Harold Greene reported on a festive kick-off at City Hall today for a big celebration of local heritage. Ushered in by mariachi music, the city of Los Angeles officially started Latino Heritage Month. Mayor Villaraigosa welcomed 600 guests to the opening reception.

ALVAREZ / HISPANIC HERITAGE**September 17, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:44)**

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported that schools around Southern California are celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, and KCAL9's Linda

Alvarez showed her Latino pride at Caldwell Street Elementary School in Compton today.

CARTOON CONTROVERSY

September 18, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:42)

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that it's being called a racist cartoon that has triggered deep anger and protests at a college and its community. The controversy is at Central Connecticut State University, where a comic strip in the campus paper jokes about a Latina teenager.

NATIVE AMERICAN NIKE

September 26, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:29)

KCAL9 reporter Stephanie Stricklen reported that it's believed to be the first of its kind—a show designed to meet the needs of a specific community. Nike has developed footwear for Native Americans.

WHAT IS A LATINO

September 29, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:19)

KCAL9 reporter Thelma Gutierrez reported that Latinos represent the fastest growing community in the United States. But they really are not easily defined, and one reason is the diversity within the group.

RED FLAG WARNING**July 2, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:37)**

KCAL9 reporter Mary Beth McDade reported that there is a red-flag fire warning in effect in the Southland—but we might as well be waving a white flag with the extreme heat and driest year on record, that alarms both fire and health officials tonight.

HEAT AND POWER**July 5, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:47)**

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reported live from the Hollywood Hills with the top story at 4—several days of extreme heat putting a strain on our power supply. Energy officials say this is the day they need everyone to chip in and help reduce the chances of a massive power outage.

HEAT WAVE**July 6, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:40)**

KCAL9 reporter Karen Brown reported that parts of the Southland are still sizzling in triple digit temperatures. And an excessive heat warning is up for parts of Riverside County.

BEAR ON A POLE**July 6, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:00)**

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reported live from Lancaster with details on the search for a bear. The bear climbed up a power pole, causing a traffic jam in the area. Then it came down and ran away. Officials are still on the hunt for the big animal.

CANYON FIRE**July 7, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:10)**

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported live from Agua Dulce as part of our live team coverage, as firefighters get the upper hand on a big brushfire this evening. It's smoldering now near Canyon Country, but at one point it shut down the Antelope Valley freeway, south of Agua Dulce Canyon, and near Vasquez Rocks Country Park.

BEACH CLOSURES**July 12, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:45)**

KCAL9 reporter David Mecham reported that you should be sure you don't get near the water at Cabrillo Beach—another massive sewage spill has forced a closure there that could last through the weekend.

FOREST MANAGEMENT

July 14, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:45)

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Clark reported that many residents believe something could have been done to keep the fire from being so destructive, but this debate over forest management is one that has no easy answer.

JAPAN EARTHQUAKE

July 16, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:40)

KCAL9 reporter Lucy Craft reported that two powerful earthquakes killed at least 8 people in Japan today, with hundreds more people hurt. A nuclear power plant was damaged and radioactive water leaked into the sea of Japan.

IMPROVING AIR QUALITY

July 17, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:48)

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Chambers reported that a much of the pollution in the Central Valley is due to agricultural dust from fields. Now a San Francisco environmental group has come up with a way to improve air quality.

RIVERSIDE STATE OF EMERGENCY

July 20, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:38)

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Chambers reported that the driest year in recorded history is taking a toll on Southern California. Governor Schwarzenegger declared Riverside County a disaster area.

LOS OLIVOS FIRE

July 23, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:37)

KCAL9 Anchor Ann Martin reported that there is progress in the fight against the Zaca Wildfire in Los Padres National Forest. This afternoon, it's about 51% contained. So far about 48 square miles have been burned, but crews are expecting full containment by the end of this week.

ZACA FIRE LATEST

July 24, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:35)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reported that firefighters are steadily gaining the upper hand on the Zaca Fire, still burning in Santa Barbara

County. Fire officials have closed two roads—Happy Canyon Road, east of Basline, and Figueroa Mountain Road at Highway 154.

WALNUT TREE SUNSCREEN

July 24, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:33)

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that a Fresno farmer is using sunscreen on his walnut trees. The sun block actually protects the trees from sun damage.

BRUSH FIRE

July 30, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:40)

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzalez reported that firefighters have gained an upper hand on a brush fire that burned about 250 acres in Riverside County. The fire was reported Saturday afternoon, near the 215 freeway in Menifee.

GREENHOUSE GASES

July 31, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:37)

KCAL9 Anchor Ann Martin reported a big win for California in its landmark effort to regulate greenhouse gas. A senate committee has approved legislation that would force the environmental protection agency to rule on the state's petition to implement a tailpipe emissions law.

SOCAL BRIDGES

August 2, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:37)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported live from downtown L.A., where transportation officials want to put drivers' minds at ease. Every city in the country is naturally worried about the condition of its bridges now, but leaders here in L.A. believe there's nothing to lose sleep over.

CASTAIC BRUSHER

August 3, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 3:22)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reported breaking news—a brush fire burning in the Castaic area. Gary Lineberry is over the scene with the latest.

LOS OLIVOS FIRE

August 5, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:33)

KCAL9 Anchor Linda Alvarez reported that in Santa Barbara County, more fire engines are on the scene to help fight a huge wildfire in the Los Padres National Forest. The fire has burned more than 88 square miles since July 4th. Full containment is not expected for another month.

SMOGGIEST TOWN**August 10, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:30)**

KCAL9 reporter Stacey Butler reported that if you think L.A. smog is bad, try living in Arvin. The central California town now has the title of "dirtiest air in America", even though Arvin doesn't produce pollutants. The dirty air is blown in from as far away as the Bay area, and gets trapped by the mountains.

DIRTIEST BEACHES**August 11, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:22)**

KCAL9 reporter Gary Nurenberg reported that your local beach should be a place for rest and relaxation, but according to a new study, some beach may actually be hazardous to your health.

DIESEL RULES**August 12, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:39)**

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Clark reported that right now, California has the toughest standards for off-highway diesel vehicles, such as bulldozers and airport baggage trucks.

BAT WARNING**August 13, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:08)**

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported a health alert tonight after a rabid bat is found at an area high school.

LIVING WELL**August 14, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:29)**

KCAL9's Doctor James reported that eating healthy doesn't mean feeling deprived. He shows us the foods that make us feel full, but still help us lose weight.

RENOVATION BRIDGE**August 16, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:45)**

KCAL9 Ventura County reporter Amy Johnson reported that tens of thousands of drivers in Ventura County have waited for this day for a long time—a major bridge on the 101 freeway in Oxnard is finally fixed, and open for business.

HACIENDA HEIGHTS BRUSHER**August 21, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:35)**

KCAL9 Anchor Glen Walker reported that dozens of homes were threatened for a time by an intense brush fire in Hacienda Heights this afternoon. The fire broke out near Turnbull Canyon Road and may

have been started by a vehicle that tumbled over an embankment. Smoke was still visible from all over the San Gabriel Valley, and 50 acres were blackened.

SAN JACINTO BRUSHER

August 21, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:34)

KCAL9 Anchor Glen Walker reported that nearly 80 acres have been scorched in a lightning-sparked fire still burning tonight in the San Jacinto Mountains west of Palm Springs. The Snow Fire, as it's called, started near Snow Creek Canyon, and so far there is no containment.

HIGH TEMPS / LOW HUMIDITY

August 22, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:39)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Mecham reported that we have the dangerous combination of high temperatures and low humidity. This morning a Red Flag Warning was in effect. Meanwhile, firefighters have made progress in the battle against a wildfire in Hacienda Heights.

SUMMER STORM

August 26, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported live from Palmdale with the story of the summer storms again pelting southern California today. It was the last remnants of Hurricane Dean. However, we are still in the midst of a drought.

HEAT AND INSECTS

August 27, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:40)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reported that the hot weather has more bugs looking for a cooler climate—inside our homes.

BEACH HEAT

August 31, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reported live from Corona Del Mary, where the beaches are getting crowded. It is cooler by the beach, where people are enjoying the mild temperatures, so it is going to be a busy holiday weekend.

ELSINORE TORNADO

August 31, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported live from Lake Elsinore with the story of how the weather got a little twisted this afternoon in the Inland Empire, with many people wondering if they had a tornado.

BIG BEAR FIRE

September 1, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:44)

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Clark reported the top story at 10—lightning sparks a big wildfire burning tonight in Big Bear, as temperatures soar across the Southland.

ACTON FIRE**September 3, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:40)**

KCAL9 reporter Mary Beth McDade reported that hot, windy weather is fueling a wildfire in Acton, and evacuations are underway. The fire broke out yesterday, east of Santa Clarita and south of the Antelope Valley freeway. But this afternoon it grew from 350 acres to about 700 acres.

ANT INVASION**September 6, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:00)**

KCAL9 Anchor Ann Martin reported that Southern California is besieged by an end of summer "ant invasion". Pest control companies say the Southland is crawling with a record number of the ants this year.

ACTON FIRE**September 8, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:30)**

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Clark reported that firefighters say the lightning-sparked wildfire in the Angeles National Forest is almost completely surrounded tonight. The 22-hundred acre blaze started last Sunday near Acton.

TEMECULA FIRE**September 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:40)**

KCAL9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported that a wildfire is burning out of control tonight in Temecula. The fire has burned at least 300 acres of dry brush, and at this hour is only 10% contained.

HEAT WAVE**September 12, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:30)**

KCAL9 reporter Dave Mecham reported that we're back on heat watch as temperatures rise once again into triple-digit territory in some spots.

BIG BEAR FIRE**September 17, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 0:49)**

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reported that there was good news for firefighters battling the Butler Two fire in the San Bernardino National Forest—cooler temperatures and higher humidity means they might have an easier time dousing the flames.

SIERRA SNOW**September 20, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:35)**

KCAL9 Anchor Glen Walker reported that it's not even October, but the first snow of the season has fallen in the Sierra. A dusting fell overnight, and was enough to require tire chains on some local highways in the Lake Tahoe area.

DEAD WHALES**September 21, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:20)**

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzalez reported that officials with the National Marine Fisheries are making arrangements to tow a dead Blue Whale to shore in Ventura County today. It's the third whale that's died in our area over the last nine days.

MUDSLIDE DAY**September 22, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:37)**

KCAL9 reporter Lonni Rivera reported that we've been on storm watch all day long, happy to get some rain after months of dry conditions. But it also brought misery to one neighborhood near Universal City, in the form of a messy mudslide.

SUN / BALLONA CREEK**September 24, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:28)**

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Chambers reported that recent rains are causing more problems—Ballona Creek and some local beaches are off limits today. The weekend rain flushed tons of trash, waste, pesticides and bacteria throughout the storm drains and into the water.

CLIMATE CONTROL**September 27, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:44)**

KCAL9 reporter Susan Roberts reported that President Bush has joined with other big polluting nations to oppose mandatory cuts in greenhouse gases.

A SPECIAL GRADUATE

July 1, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:37)

KCAL9 reporter Lonni Rivera reported an inspirational story about overcoming overwhelming odds. This man just graduated from community college with honors, but what makes his story so special is that not long ago, he was homeless.

TEEN INSURANCE

July 2, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:56)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Hunter reported that car crashes are the leading cause of death for 16 to 21-year-olds. Six-thousand deaths a year are caused by teen drivers, but now insurance companies have the technology to help teens drive more safely.

CLOSED SCHOOL PROTEST

July 9, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:40)

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Chambers reported that students and staff showed up for class this morning at Chase College in the Mid Wilshire District, only to find the doors locked shut. A number of students stayed around to protest, saying they took out very expensive student loans to attend classes here, and want their money back.

LAUSD PAYROLL PROTEST

July 10, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:48)

KCAL9 Anchor Ann Martin reported that the L.A. Unified School District admits its new payroll system hasn't worked correctly since it went online in February. The Teachers Union says teachers have been shortchanged, or not paid at all.

CHILDREN & VITAMIN D

July 10, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:34)

KCAL9 Anchor Ann Martin reported that a new study finds otherwise healthy children are not getting enough Vitamin D. Without enough Vitamin D, health problems like rickets can develop. Fortified milk and exposure to sunshine are two good ways to make children get enough Vitamin D.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

July 15, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reported that most children are out of school for the summer, but when they return for the fall, many will ride the bus to school—but how safe is that ride?

LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM

July 16, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:41)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reported that it was a big day for some little leaguers from South L.A.—they got to play t-ball at the White House. The “Dodgers” from the Wrigley Little League took on a team from Brooklyn, New York this weekend.

FRIENDLY CHAT

July 16, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:45)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reported that for youngsters, sometimes talking about problems may do more harm than good. That’s the claim of a new study in the journal “Developmental Psychology” that found girls can actually develop more emotional difficulties after talking about problems with friends.

SCHOOL CUTS

July 18, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:36)

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Chambers reported that state school officials say they were shocked to hear about a plan to cut millions from the school budget. State Republican lawmakers say they will not pass the new budget until Democrats slash 400-million dollars from schools.

SCHOOL OF ROCK

July 27, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 1:27)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reported on a summer school for teachers, with a rock-and-roll edge. Teachers are gathering at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio for a rock workshop, learning ways to use music in their lesson plans which might otherwise be boring for their students.

SCHOOL CROSSING / SAFETY

August 2, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that no child should risk their life when going to school, which is why an L.A. Councilwoman is trying out a new program to get drivers to slow down. He went to Wadsworth Elementary in South L.A., for special signs of improvement.

COLLEGE STUDENTS/ BINGE DRINKING

August 4, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:20)

KCAL9 reporter Michelle Miller reported that 40% of college students admit to binge drinking, and the number is rising. But should colleges and their administrators be held responsible for students' bad choices? A New Jersey prosecutor and a grand jury think so.

KIDS / INTERNET SAFETY

August 8, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:38)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reported details on a new internet safety video game, designed to help spot dangers. One of the biggest dangers facing out children today is the "stranger" on the internet.

KID SAVES DAD

August 9, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:25)

KCAL9 reporter Deborah Horne reported on a young hero who saved his father's life. Nine-year-old Matthew Lovo had been a passenger many times in his dad's big rig, but until now he'd never had to drive it.

TOY RECALL

August 14, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 1:44)

KCAL9 reporter Alexis Christoforous reported that more than nine million toys made in China are being recalled today because of the potential health risks to children.

UCLA ART

August 14, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:35)

KCAL9 Entertainment reporter Christina McLarty reported live from UCLA with the story of 15 local artists turning their vision on Los Angeles, and giving us a unique take on the Southland.

BACKPACK GIVEAWAY

August 15, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:30)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported that 45-hundred L.A. schoolchildren are ready for back-to-school with free backpacks from Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. The Mayor gave them out at the Office Depot in Sylmar, as part of National Backpack Donation Day to help those who can't afford their own.

TEEN DRUGS STUDY

August 16, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:46)

KCAL9 Anchor Ann Martin reported some disturbing news about drugs in the nation's schools. The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse surveyed one thousand students, and found that

80% of kids say they have seen illegal drug use, illegal drug dealing and students drunk.

COUGH SYRUP

August 17, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:28)

KCAL9 Anchor Glen Walker reported a warning for parents about cold medicine. The Food and Drug Administration now says you should not give cold medicine to children two years old or younger. The FDA reports adverse effects when very young children get too much medicine.

BABY SEATS

August 17, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9's Doctor Sean Kenniff reported that though infant car seats are intended to save lives, a recent report suggests that some very young infants could be at risk for Sudden Infant Death syndrome, while riding in them.

SEPARATION ANXIETY

August 20, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:23)

KCAL9 reporter Judy Fortin reported that the start of a new school year can be filled with anxiety for some young children. And with the first day of school just around the corner, she explains some ways to cope with the transition.

KIDS AND GLASSES

August 23, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:40)

KCAL9 Anchor Harold Greene reported that it's almost back-to-school time, and experts say that's the time when many children find out they need eye glasses. Doctors recommend children get an annual eye exam once they reach school age.

STUDENTS / SWELTERING HEAT

August 30, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:48)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Malkoff reported that parents and teachers are outraged. While most people can escape the heat inside, some local students are sweating their way through school with no air conditioning.

LAUSD AND MAYOR

August 30, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:44)

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Chambers reported that Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa is launching what he calls a historic five-year partnership between the city and the L.A. Unified School District. This partnership gives the

Mayor control of a high school and the elementary and middle schools that feed it.

TEEN VACCINATIONS

August 30, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:33)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported that meningitis is a serious and potentially deadly infection, but a new study shows only 12% of American teens got a shot for it. It is recommended by health officials for children at 11 or 12 years of age.

ADHD STUDY

September 3, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:38)

KCAL9 reporter Mary Beth McDade reported that more and more children, especially boys, are being diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. However a new study in the Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine shows that not all are being treated for it.

HEAVY TODDLERS

September 4, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:43)

KCAL9's Doctor Sean Kenniff reported that obesity is bad at any age, but according to a new study it may have a major impact on the youngest Americans. Researchers say overweight toddlers are at great risk of developing iron deficiency.

BACK TO SCHOOL

September 5, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:43)

KCAL9 Anchor Harold Greene reported that summer vacation came to an end today for thousands of Southland children who went back to school. Near downtown L.A., L.A. city Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa welcomed students to their first day ever at West Adams Preparatory High School.

D.A.R.E. PUPPET COP

September 7, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:38)

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Chambers reported that a Santa Ana Police officer has found his calling, and now he is being honored for his work with kids and puppets. For 24 years now, Officer John Reed has been teaching school kids about the dangers of drugs through the D.A.R.E. Program.

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

September 10, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:41)

KCAL9 reporter Sharon Tay reported that back to school safety begins with getting kids safely to the classroom, from the curb. L.A. Unified is starting a school valet program.

TEEN DRIVING

September 13, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:56)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported that California is disconnecting teens behind the wheel—the Governor signed a bill today banning minors from using cell phones, text messaging, and even shuffling songs on their iPod while driving.

SAT'S / IPODS

September 17, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:28)

KCAL9 Anchor Harold Greene reported that a lot of parents will go to great lengths to help their children score well on the SAT's. Now, there's a high-tech tool to help kids prepare, and they might even enjoy it.

HISTORY TEST

September 18, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Malkoff reported that in a recent study, most college students failed a basic 60-question civics test, including students at the most prestigious schools.

FOODPACKS FOR KIDS

September 21, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:46)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported that L.A. schools are reaching out, providing lunches for students when they are off campus. A new backpack program began today so that children from low-income families can take home enough food for the weekend.

SURFING CAMP

September 25, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 reporter Gary Nurenberg reported that it has been another fantastic summer for the many autistic children lucky enough to attend a surfing camp. It's sponsored by a group called, "Surfer's Healing," that for the last eight years has enriched the lives of more than a thousand autistic children.

GPS FOR KIDS

September 25, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:44)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reported that a new high-tech device developed in England can help parents keep tabs on toddlers. It happens quite a

lot—a parent looks away for just a second, and their child has wandered off. We take a look at this new device.

CHILD HERO**September 27, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 1:14)**

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reported that a 13-year-old Port Hueneme girl is being called a hero—she managed to get herself and her two younger siblings out of their burning apartment.

INTERNET SAFETY**September 29, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:55)**

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Clark reported that all public schools in Virginia are now required to teach internet safety, starting in kindergarten. With kids often more computer-savvy than their parents, many schools are making internet safety part of the lesson plan.

MTA FARE INCREASE

July 1, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:43)

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that the MTA's first major fare increase in more than ten years went into effect today, and bus riders are already feeling the pinch. MTA officials say the increase is needed to cover a projected budget deficit.

FLIP FLOP DANGERS

July 2, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 2:32)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reported live from Huntington Beach, that you see flip-flops everywhere, especially in summer, but there's concern now that they bring more than style to your feet.

GROCERY WORKERS

July 5, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:19)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported the big story at 4:30—the second grocery strike in just three years may be coming to a supermarket near you. There's still no new contract between union workers and the big three local grocery stores.

CAR DEALER FRAUD

July 9, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Suzie Suh reported live outside a car dealership in Orange, of which the owners are facing tough questions to night. Police say someone used private information on loan applications to steal people's identities.

SKIMMING DEVICES

July 12, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Suzie Suh reported live from Fountain Valley, about an identity theft ring targeting people who use credit cards at Arco gas stations.

DRIVERLESS CAR

July 12, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Greg Mills reported live from Riverside, about a driver-less vehicle being tested. The team which designed it has high hopes it will play a major role in the future of transportation.

OC BUS STRIKE**July 14, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:20)**

KCAL9 reporter Sharon Tay reported that the week-long strike that stranded thousands of bus riders in Orange County appears to be over tonight.

CHILI SAUCE / BOTULISM**July 18, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:38)**

KCAL9 Anchor Glen Walker reported a recall and new health warning tonight involving certain cans of hot dog chili sauce—they're being linked to botulism. The recall applies to 10-ounce cans of Cattleberry's "Austex" and "Kroger" brands of hot dog chili sauce.

BUYING AMERICAN FOOD**July 19, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:39)**

KCAL9 reporter Manuel Gallegus reported that health concerns over imported food products are prompting more shoppers to buy American, but that doesn't necessarily mean you're getting all-American ingredients.

CITIZENSHIP DRIVE**July 23, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:37)**

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reported that the cost of becoming a U.S. citizen is going up. That means people who haven't applied yet are now rushing to get it done before a hefty price increase next week.

FORECLOSURES UP**July 24, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:53)**

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Suzie Suh reported live from Tustin with potentially bad news for the economy, and really bad news for many homeowners. Home foreclosures are on the rise, setting new records in the state.

MEAT SAFETY**July 29, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:09)**

KCAL9 reporter Kitty Pilgrim reported that a USDA seal is required to prove meat has been inspected by a federal agency, but what many consumers don't know is that some if it is treated with carbon monoxide to keep it looking fresh for weeks.

WATCHING WALL STREET**July 29, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:35)**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that all eyes will be on Wall Street tomorrow, after last week's big drop. Results will be released

for personal income and spending in June, and consumer confidence numbers for July.

IMPORTED FOOD**July 16, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:39)**

KCAL9 reporter Susan Koeppen reported that recently the government banned some imported food products from China, and now more and more consumers want to know where their food is coming from.

TAINTED MEDICINE**July 23, 12-1pm newscast (2:52)**

KCAL9 reporter John Vause reported that first it was food, but now China is coming under fire for what medical experts say is tainted medicine that has killed dozens there.

EASY BAKE OVEN**July 19, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:35)**

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Chambers reported that popular "easy bake" toy ovens are being recalled for the second time this year. The manufacturer, Hasbro, has received reports of children getting their hands stuck inside the oven and being burned.

SOUPLANTATION**August 3, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:39)**

KCAL9 reporter Suraya Fadel reported live from Pasadena, regarding more trouble for the Souplantation restaurants—the Pasadena Public Health Department now is investigating up to 30 cases of food poisoning of people who ate there.

GAS PRICES**August 5, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:33)**

KCAL9 Anchor Glen Walker reported that gas is selling for less than three dollars a gallon. Even though crude oil prices are at record highs, Triple-A says pump prices are falling rapidly here in California and across the country.

NEW APPLE iMAC**August 7, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:08)**

KCAL9 reporter Sue Kwon reported that the new iMac computer is here just in time for the back-to-school rush for computers.

LAX COMPUTERS DOWN**August 11, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:50)**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that we're following breaking news out of LAX tonight—a computer failure leads to huge flight problems at the airport.

PET FOOD SAFETY

August 14, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:44)

KCAL9 Anchor Glen Walker reported that recent pet food recalls have many concerned about the safety of the food they're feeding their animals. Now one company is giving solid assurances that its food is safe.

HOUSING MARKET

August 15, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:28)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reported that home buyers in Southern California are sitting on their wallets, driving sales of new and used homes to their lowest rate in a dozen years.

BIOSURFBOARDS

August 22, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:58)

KCAL9 Ventura County reporter Amy Johnson reported that surfers in Ventura are riding high on a green wave. They're doing it with a new kind of environmentally-friendly equipment—the bio surfboard.

CASH FOR GAS

August 26, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reported that the high cost of gas has some service stations giving customers a new cash incentive—if you pay the old-fashioned way by using cash instead of your card, you could save some money at the pump.

ORANGE LINE GAS BUS

August 27, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:45)

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzalez reported that so many people are riding on the Orange Line, that the MTA had to buy more and larger buses to accommodate them all. Today the new buses, ordered just for the Orange Line, were officially put into operation in North Hollywood.

SELLING YOUR HOME

August 29, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:51)

KCAL9 reporter Sylvia Lopez reported that between the sub-prime mortgage mess and falling home sales, it's been a rough year for anyone whose house is on the market.

HOLIDAY TRAVEL

August 31, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:45)

KCAL9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported that more than 3-million people in Southern California are hitting the road this holiday season. One the bright side for holiday travelers, gas prices are dropping.

HOME BUYING TROUBLE**September 1, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:15)**

KCAL9 reporter Dave Lopez reported that nationally, home prices have fallen more than 3% in the past three months—one of the sharpest drops in decades. Though it is bad news for people who need to sell a house fast, it could be good news for those eager to purchase a home.

HOLIDAY TRAVEL**September 3, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:36)**

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reported that it's the last holiday of the summer, and more than 3-million people in Southern California are headed out for the three day labor day weekend. Most of them will be behind the wheel. He provides some tips for travelers.

MATTELL RECALL**September 4, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:42)**

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that more toys made in China have been deemed unsafe tonight. The Consumer Product Safety Commission has issued a massive recall of Mattel toys.

CONSUMER TOY SAFETY**September 12, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:47)**

KCAL9 reporter Alexis Christoforous reported that the CEO of Mattel testified before Congress in the wake of the recent recalls of Chinese-made toys.

OIL PRICES**September 15, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:00)**

KCAL9 reporter Randall Pinkston reported that the price of crude oil is skyrocketing, and it'll likely end up affecting you in the pocketbook. He explores what is behind this situation.

LETTUCE RECALL**September 17, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:36)**

KCAL9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported on a major lettuce recall tonight, because of e. Coli contamination. A division of Dole food is recalling bagged salad sold in the U.S. and Canada.

GRACO CRIB RECALL

September 21, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:33)

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzalez reported that nearly one million baby cribs are being recalled after three children got trapped and suffocated. The cribs were sold under the "Simplicity" and "Graco" brand names from January of 1998 up through May of this year.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING**September 23, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:35)**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that the National Retail Federation is forecasting holiday sales will rise just 4%--that's the slowest pace in five years.

AMGEN LAYOFFS**September 25, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:27)**

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzalez reported that a locally-based biotech company Amgen has announced major layoffs. The cuts come as the company is suffering losses due to federal restrictions of some of its best-selling drugs.

PLAYPEN RECALL**September 27, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:45)**

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reported a big recall of playpens tonight, after the death of a 10-month-old baby. Kolcraft Enterprises is recalling 425-thousand "Playard" brand playpens and cribs. The Consumer Product Safety Commission says a restraint strap beneath the table poses a strangulation hazard.

BEEF RECALL**September 30, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:45)**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that it may be just the first to come in the wake of the massive recall—the parents of a 15-year-old Florida teenager are suing Walmart, which is where they say they bought the frozen meat that made their daughter sick.